Investigation carried out so far points towards the possibility of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), a terrorist organization, bahind this attack.

(c) The Government of Karnataka has informed that they did not have any advance intelligence input about the terrorist attack on the IISc, Bangalore.

Special Security arrangement for National Institutes

354. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the terrorist attack on 28th December, 2005 at the Indian Institute of Science (IIS), Bangalore, that left Prof. M.C. Puri killed and several scholars injured;

(b) whether the Karnataka Administration and Bangalore Police had Intelligence inputs about potential terrorist attack on the landmarks of the city;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether pursuant to that input, any special arrangement for security of the strategic national wealth like Defence Research Centre, IIS, IIM, University/College campuses etc., apart from providing security to IT corporate houses were made;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) On December 28, 2005, when the delegates of the International Conference were coming out of the J.N. Tata Auditorium, there was a terrorist shootout in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, in which Prof. M.C. Puri from Delhi was killed and four other delegates sustained injuries. Search of the complex by the Police led to recovery of one AK 56 rifle, 4 grenades and some ammunition.

(b) and (c) There were certain inputs available in May 2005 to suggest that Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) had plans to carry out attack on IT companies in Bangalore and the State Government was sensitized about these inputs.

(d) to (f) Subsequent to the incident, necessary steps have been taken to step up surveillance and strengthen security, wherever required, of scientific/research and other vital establishments.

Funding of militants through Hawala

355. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain money exchange offices based in the Meddle East are suspected to be involved in hawala operations to fund militants in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) if so, the number of persons so far arrested by the police for having funded the terrorist groups; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to stop such activities of these persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The arrest of a Dubai based engineer in Delhi on February 3, 2006, and recovery of Rs. 55 lakh, RDX, Detonator, timer, etc. from him confirms the involvement of Middle East money exchangers in Hawala operations to fund militancy in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Various agencies of the Central Government and the State Government are coordinating amongst themselves and taking necessary actions for tackling the menace of terrorist funding in all its dimensions. Apart from this the Government has constituted two Apex Level Committee, one at Central level and another at State level to check the inflow of funds to the terrorist/secessionist outfits in Jammu and Kashmir.

Denial of entry into India

356. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people who got visas from Indian Missions abroad were not allowed to enter India and returned because the computer at the airport did not have their names;